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For : OPTICAL SEMICONDUCTOR MODULE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants have attached to this Amendment documents entitled "Amended Claims" and "Marked-Up Copy of Previous Claims". Please replace claims 5 and 6 with amended claims 5 and 6 as shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims". Please add new claim 11 shown in the document entitled "Amended Claims."

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to remove the multiple dependent claim to avoid the surcharge. As such, new claim 11 is the same as original claim 6, except that it depends from claim 4, and claim 6 depends only from claim 2.

Also, claim 5 is amended herein merely to place it in still better grammatical form.

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Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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5. (Amended) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 4, further comprising a sleeve, said ferrule is inserted in said sleeve;

wherein said second member has a depressed portion provided in an inner wall surface of the tubular portion, and

wherein said sleeve [being] is arranged in the depressed portion of said second member.

6. (Amended) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 2 [or 4],

wherein the tubular portion of said second member has first and second portions arranged in a direction of the predetermined axis,

wherein the first portion accommodates said ferrule, and

wherein the second portion is provided such that another ferrule can be inserted therein.

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5. (Amended) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 4, further comprising a sleeve, said ferrule is inserted in said sleeve;

wherein said second member has a depressed portion provided in an inner wall surface of the tubular portion, and

wherein said sleeve is arranged in the depressed portion of said second member.

6. (Amended) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 2,

wherein the tubular portion of said second member has first and second portions arranged in a direction of the predetermined axis,

wherein the first portion accommodates said ferrule, and

wherein the second portion is provided such that another ferrule can be inserted therein.

11. (New) An optical semiconductor module according to claim 4,

wherein the tubular portion of said second member has first and second portions arranged in a direction of the predetermined axis,

wherein the first portion accommodates said ferrule, and

wherein the second portion is provided such that another ferrule can be inserted therein.